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British sailors came to Honolulu often in the old days, but they have been strangers of late. They are a well-behaved set of men and the port would like to see them oftener.

Honolulu will pay its respects this morning to the memory of a good woman whose millions were used to help others and whose influence, as the founder of a university, will reach out in righteousness of spirit, to "tongues unknown and ages yet unborn."

It is suggested to the Advertiser that a strong local insurance company could do a safe marine business, as well as taking fire risks on land. The showing of the marine insurance business is certainly an impressive one and it merits the careful study of those to whom the general insurance proposition may appeal.

Ever since the Russo-Japanese war loomed on the horizon the British cruisers in the North Pacific have worn their war paint. When the Amphitrite was here, months before the war broke out, her white beauty had all been smudged with a gray brush. It is the same with the Bonaventure, now in port. Clearly, England does not intend to be caught napping in the Far East if any European powers combine again to deprive Japan of the fruits of victory.

A drouth of eighteen months has been known on this island. The one which ended during plague times was much more serious than this one, which dates back only about three months. Still the present drouth is a sore trial and a great many interests will suffer unless rain comes soon. It is interesting to note, in connection with the theory that our rains, like those of California, are influenced by the position of the Japanese gulf stream, that California is getting a drenching such as it has not had before in years. Evidently the stream is hugging the coast this winter.

The world knows that there is little use in the Czar trying to continue the war. He has many soldiers but he can only put into Manchuria as many as the railroad can supply with ammunition and food. Japan can easily keep equal numbers in the field, and as a fighting machine one Jap, as shown by the recent mortality lists, is equal to two Russians. Considering that Oyama's men have entrenched all the positions they have taken and that Japanese engineers are hard at work making Port Arthur impregnable, the Czar can hardly hope, with so much demoralization in all his camps, to turn the tables. The war is lost to him. Perhaps he knows it and is talking obstinately for the sake of getting better terms from Japan.

Representative Coelho moved yesterday, in a speech which showed excellent taste and feeling, that the House adjourn this morning to enable the members to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Stanford. Mr. Holstein saw fit to object on the ground that Mrs. Stanford was nothing to us and that it was the business of the House to keep at its work and to finish the session as soon as possible. Nevertheless on that very day the House adjourned to enable its members to attend the funeral of the late warden of the jail, Mr. Holstein not objecting. On the whole the incident was not an agreeable one to the citizens of Honolulu, though the action of the Senate in adjourning in Mrs. Stanford's honor, did something to redeem the situation.

We have rarely read anything more impertinent than the resolutions, aimed at various Territorial Senators, which were adopted last night by the Republican Central Committee. The paragraphs relating to Senators Bishop, Dowsett and Lane were not only packed with personal affronts, but they showed that the committee means either to dictate to these law-makers or undertake to ruin them. We are not aware that Senators Bishop, Dowsett and Lane have taken any oath of subservience to the Central Committee or that they are under obligations to it which are at all comparable to those they are under to the taxpayers. Nor can they be punished for any disinclination they may have to increase the taxes for the promotion of misgovernment and graft.

High Sheriff Henry has washed his hands, very wisely, of the Stanford case, passing it up to the California authorities. It seems extremely probable, from the latest developments in the affair, that there will always be about it a mystery that will defy absolute solution, a question that cannot be definitely and finally answered. Any effort at solution must be a costly effort, and with the question of juris-

dition in the balance also, the High Sheriff does well to let the rich commonwealth of California assume the burden. That, in effect, is what follows from the determination of the Sheriff not to send his Deputy to San Francisco on the chase for further information. If any poisoner awaits justice, California is able and willing to see that justice is meted out.

MRS. STANFORD'S FUNERAL.

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Sons of California and the rest to the general public. At the conclusion of the church service the cortege will form and march down to the Oceanic wharf, where the singing of the hymn, "Hark, Hark, My Soul, Angelic Songs Are Swelling," and prayers by Dr. Kincaid and Bishop Renshaw will conclude the ceremonies. Dr. Jordan and Timothy Hopkins will go back to San Francisco on the Alameda with the body, and will be accompanied by the two detectives, Cullindan and Reynolds, who have had charge of the investigation here, the first on behalf of the Stanford family, and Reynolds in behalf of the San Francisco police department. They will take with them a complete transcript of the evidence taken at the coroner's inquest, a copy of the verdict, and the statements of witnesses examined by them and not called to testify at the inquest. Also, they will have the statements of several physicians who, it is understood, do not agree with the theory of death developed by the investigation of the Honolulu authorities. And so the case will finally develop into a conflict between experts—with the weight of lay opinion, perhaps, in favor of the theory of death from natural causes as against statements made in a panic and sought afterward to be sustained by bending circumstances to fit theories.

Miss Berner, the companion and secretary of Mrs. Stanford, who was with her when she died and who gave her the last dose of medicine, and May Hunt, the maid, will also be of the party to sail on the Alameda. The position of these two women throughout the time that has elapsed since the tragedy at the Moana Hotel has been most trying, but the positive statement is made now that Miss Berner, who has been with Mrs. Stanford for twenty years, is free of even a shadow of suspicion in the matter. The maid, May Hunt, of course nobody has ever connected with the alleged administration of the poison in any way. She had been with Mrs. Stanford but a very short time before she died, and was not in any way mixed up with any feuds that may have existed among the other Stanford servants.

HIGH SHERIFF HENRY'S VIEW.

"Four of the best physicians in this town have declared that Mrs. Stanford came to her death from strychnine poisoning," said High Sheriff Henry last night. "It seems to me that this is a fact that it will be hard to get over. Of course, I understand that there will be an effort made to discredit the work done by the authorities here. I cannot help that. But I am satisfied, nevertheless, in my own mind. The San Francisco men will not listen to the theory of suicide, and I suppose will endeavor to make it appear that Mrs. Stanford died from natural causes. They cannot get over the fact that she drank poisoned Poland water in San Francisco, from a bottle supplied her in her own home, and the further fact that there must according to all the probabilities have been not less than one-sixteenth of a grain of strychnine in the dose she took from the bottle of bicarbonate of soda. She took a heaping half teaspoonful, which would have amounted to a level teaspoonful. That would, in the view of the medical experts, have been enough to kill a woman of her age."

"Well, I am glad of one thing. The case now goes out of the hands of the Territorial authorities. We are through with it. It is up to the San Francisco men."

"No! I shall not send Deputy Sheriff Rawlins to San Francisco."

THOSE REMEMBERED IN WILL.

The following are the bequests in the will of Mrs. Stanford, which she executed August 10, 1904:

Trust fund of \$2,000,000 to be enjoyed in incomes and finally distributed, the following sharing in the benefits: Ariel Lathrop of Albany, N. Y.; Charles G. Lathrop, Jennie L. Lawton, Amy Gardner Hansen, Daniel S. Gunning and Amy L. Gunning.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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member last, and gave solemn pledges to abide by our platform, especially our candidates for Senators and Representatives on the Island of Oahu, where the contest was particularly strenuous. Hon. John C. Lane making special and repeated pledges; Hon. E. Faxon Bishop promising the people, especially at meetings of Hawaiians, to work for county government if elected to the Legislature, and Hon. J. M. Dowsett saying to the convention, which nominated him: "I pledge myself to support the platform as adopted by the Republican Convention at Hilo. I endorse it from beginning to end," and saying repeatedly to public meetings, which he addressed in the presence and hearing of Hon. E. F. Bishop and J. C. Lane: "The lawyers made a failure of a County Act, now elect us business men, and let us see what we can do in giving you a County Act;" and

Whereas, on every island, county government was promised by our candidates, who knew at the time the condition of our finances, as the Legislature had just been called in special session and the matter of our revenues thoroughly gone over; and

Whereas, a public office is a public trust, and can no more be honorably obtained under false pretences than can private property be acquired by false representations; and

Whereas, this committee believes in the principle announced by President Roosevelt, the head of the national Republican Party, in the following words, to wit:

"It is absolutely essential, if we are to have the proper standard of public life, that promise shall be square with performance. A lie is no more to be excused in politics than out of politics. A promise is as binding on the stump as off the stump, and these are two facets of that crystal, in the first place the man who makes a promise which he does not intend to keep and does not try to keep, should rightly be adjudged to have forfeited in some degree what should be every man's most precious possession—his honor;" and

Whereas, a County Act has been carefully prepared by the Legislative Commission, appointed by the Governor, and is now before the Legislature on its passage; and

Whereas, County Government under the County Act prepared by said Commission does not materially increase taxation; and

Whereas, Congress has shown its special interest in popular government in this Territory by passing in quick order an Act enabling the people to elect its local boards and officers, thus removing all doubt as to the right to elect boards of supervisors; therefore be it

Resolved: That this committee respectfully but earnestly urges the Republican members of the Legislature to pass the County Act prepared by the County Act Commission, making therein and thereto such changes and amendments as may appear to be advisable, if any such should be deemed necessary.

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary to the Senate, and that a copy thereof be sent to the House of Representatives, and that the Chairman of this committee be and is hereby authorized to appoint a committee to urge this matter upon said Republican members of the Legislature, said committee to consist of the Chairman of this Committee and one member from each Representative District.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

MANOA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the Lin Yee Chung (Manoa Cemetery) held in the United Chinese Society's hall on Thursday, March 9, 1905, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:

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Honolulu, March 14, 1905. 7051

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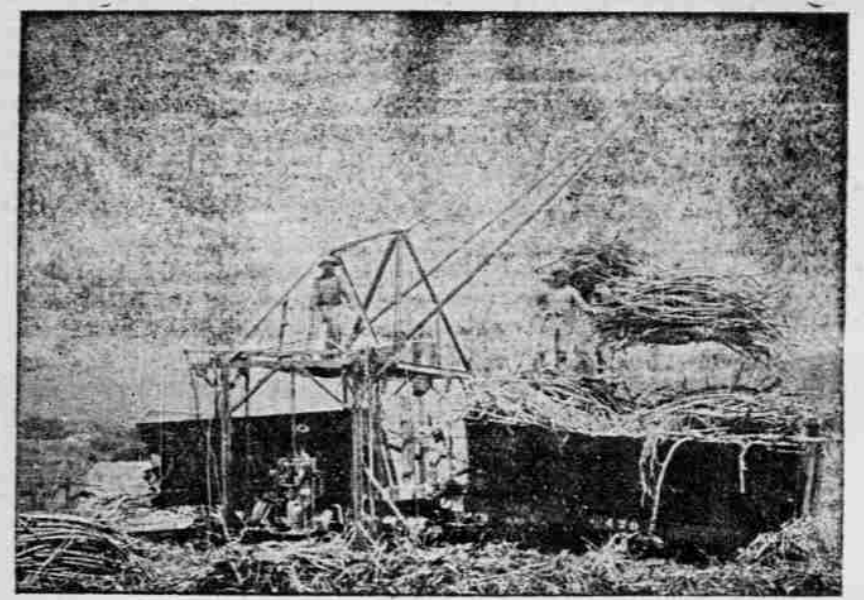
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